

department or state agency to conduct an assessment of its telecommuting policy is duplicative and unnecessary and introduces a legislatively mandated management process into what is appropriately an executive branch decision. I will direct the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Management to review the current state government telecommuting policy and make recommendations for any improvements as part of our overall executive branch strategic planning process.

For the reasons above, I respectfully disapprove of the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 752 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,  
CHESTER J. CULVER, Governor

**CHAPTER 217**

**APPROPRIATIONS — ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION**

*H.F. 874*

**AN ACT** relating to and making appropriations to certain state departments, agencies, funds, and certain other entities and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.**

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of administrative services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	6,296,623
.....	FTEs	419.85

b. For the payment of utility costs:

.....	\$	3,822,105
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Notwithstanding section 8.33, any excess funds appropriated for utility costs in this lettered paragraph shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the end of the fiscal year but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes of this lettered paragraph during the succeeding fiscal year.

It is the intent of the general assembly that the department shall reduce utility costs through energy conservation practices. The goal of the general assembly is to reduce energy use by 10 percent to save money, conserve energy resources, and reduce pollution.

c. For distribution to other governmental entities:

.....	\$	2,000,000
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Moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph shall be separately accounted for in a distribution account and shall be distributed to other governmental entities based upon a formula established by the department to pay for services provided during the fiscal year to such other governmental entities by the department associated with the integrated information for Iowa system.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See chapter 219, §§ herein

2. Members of the general assembly serving as members of the deferred compensation advisory board shall be entitled to receive per diem and necessary travel and actual expenses pursuant to section 2.10, subsection 5, while carrying out their official duties as members of the board.

3. Any funds and premiums collected by the department for workers' compensation shall be segregated into a separate workers' compensation fund in the state treasury to be used for payment of state employees' workers' compensation claims and administrative costs. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or unobligated moneys remaining in this workers' compensation fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall be available for expenditure for purposes of the fund for subsequent fiscal years.

Sec. 2. REVOLVING FUNDS. There is appropriated to the department of administrative services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, from the revolving funds designated in chapter 8A and from internal service funds created by the department, such amounts as the department deems necessary for the operation of the department consistent with the requirements of chapter 8A.

Sec. 3. FUNDING FOR IOWACCESS.

1. Notwithstanding section 321A.3, subsection 1, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the first \$1,000,000 collected and transferred by the department of transportation to the treasurer of state with respect to the fees for transactions involving the furnishing of a certified abstract of a vehicle operating record under section 321A.3, subsection 1, shall be transferred to the IowAccess revolving fund established by section 8A.224 and administered by the department of administrative services for the purposes of developing, implementing, maintaining, and expanding electronic access to government records as provided by law.

2. All fees collected with respect to transactions involving IowAccess shall be deposited in the IowAccess revolving fund and shall be used only for the support of IowAccess projects.

Sec. 4. STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION CHARGE. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the monthly per contract administrative charge which may be assessed by the department of administrative services shall be \$2.00 per contract on all health insurance plans administered by the department.

Sec. 5. AUDITOR OF STATE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the office of the auditor of state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	1,211,873
.....	FTEs	103.00

The auditor of state may retain additional full-time equivalent positions as is reasonable and necessary to perform governmental subdivision audits which are reimbursable pursuant to section 11.20 or 11.21, to perform audits which are requested by and reimbursable from the federal government, and to perform work requested by and reimbursable from departments or agencies pursuant to section 11.5A or 11.5B. The auditor of state shall notify the department of management, the legislative fiscal committee, and the legislative services agency of the additional full-time equivalent positions retained.

Sec. 6. IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	517,669
.....	FTEs	6.00

Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	2,057,289
.....	FTEs	32.00

2. BANKING DIVISION

a. Banking. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	7,632,241
.....	FTEs	73.00

b. Professional licensing and regulation. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	898,343
.....	FTEs	16.00

3. CREDIT UNION DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	1,557,726
.....	FTEs	19.00

4. INSURANCE DIVISION

a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	4,655,809
.....	FTEs	100.50 <sup>2</sup>

b. The insurance division may reallocate authorized full-time equivalent positions as necessary to respond to accreditation recommendations or requirements. The insurance division expenditures for examination purposes may exceed the projected receipts, refunds, and reimbursements, estimated pursuant to section 505.7, subsection 7, including the expenditures for retention of additional personnel, if the expenditures are fully reimbursable and the division first does both of the following:

(1) Notifies the department of management, the legislative services agency, and the legislative fiscal committee of the need for the expenditures.

(2) Files with each of the entities named in subparagraph (1) the legislative and regulatory justification for the expenditures, along with an estimate of the expenditures.

c. The insurance division shall allocate \$10,000 from the examination receipts for the payment of its fees to the national conference of insurance legislators.

5. UTILITIES DIVISION

a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	7,266,919
.....	FTEs	79.00

b. The utilities division may expend additional funds, including funds for additional personnel, if those additional expenditures are actual expenses which exceed the funds budgeted for utility regulation and the expenditures are fully reimbursable. Before the division expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the funds budgeted for regulation, the division shall first do both of the following:

<sup>2</sup> See chapter 215, §52 herein

(1) Notify the department of management, the legislative services agency, and the legislative fiscal committee of the need for the expenditures.

(2) File with each of the entities named in subparagraph (1) the legislative and regulatory justification for the expenditures, along with an estimate of the expenditures.

6. CHARGES — TRAVEL

Each division and the office of consumer advocate shall include in its charges assessed or revenues generated, an amount sufficient to cover the amount stated in its appropriation, and any state-assessed indirect costs determined by the department of administrative services. The director of the department of commerce shall review on a quarterly basis all out-of-state travel for the previous quarter for officers and employees of each division of the department if the travel is not already authorized by the executive council.

Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE — PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION BUREAU. There is appropriated from the housing improvement fund of the Iowa department of economic development to the bureau of professional licensing and regulation of the banking division of the department of commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 62,317

Sec. 9. GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the offices of the governor and the lieutenant governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL OFFICE

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for the general office of the governor and the general office of the lieutenant governor, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 2,168,269  
..... FTEs 23.25

2. TERRACE HILL QUARTERS

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for the governor’s quarters at Terrace Hill, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 466,310  
..... FTEs 10.00

3. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COORDINATOR

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for the office of administrative rules coordinator, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 154,755  
..... FTEs 3.00

4. NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

For payment of Iowa’s membership in the national governors association:

..... \$ 80,600

5. STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 123,927  
..... FTEs 2.00

Sec. 10. GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the governor’s office of drug control policy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, including statewide co-

ordination of the drug abuse resistance education (D.A.R.E.) programs or similar programs, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	338,099
.....	FTEs	8.00

b. For support of multijurisdictional drug enforcement programs:

.....	\$	1,400,000
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If federal funding is received for multijurisdictional drug enforcement programs during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph an amount equal to the federal funding received less \$1,560,000 shall revert to the general fund of the state at the end of the fiscal year. The programs shall provide for at least a 25 percent local match.

2. The governor's office of drug control policy, in consultation with the department of public health, and after discussion and collaboration with all interested agencies, shall coordinate substance abuse treatment and prevention efforts in order to avoid duplication of services.

Sec. 11. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of human rights for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	341,425
.....	FTEs	7.00

Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$15,000 shall be used for expenses related to Iowa's participation in the Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission.

2. DEAF SERVICES DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	390,315
.....	FTEs	6.00

The fees collected by the division for provision of interpretation services by the division to obligated agencies shall be disbursed pursuant to the provisions of section 8.32, and shall be dedicated and used by the division for continued and expanded interpretation services.

3. STATUS OF IOWANS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	126,000
.....	FTEs	1.00

4. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	194,212
.....	FTEs	3.20

5. LATINO AFFAIRS DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	179,433
.....	FTEs	3.00

6. STATUS OF WOMEN DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, including the Iowans in transition program, and the domestic violence and sexual assault-related grants, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	343,555
.....	FTEs	3.00

#### 7. STATUS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	354,725
.....	FTEs	2.00

Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the division may use a portion for projects and programs of the division, including the covenant project, cultural competency project, sensitivity training program, and the study circle project.

#### 8. CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	1,587,333
.....	FTEs	11.18

The criminal and juvenile justice planning advisory council and the juvenile justice advisory council shall coordinate their efforts in carrying out their respective duties relative to juvenile justice.

#### 9. SHARED STAFF

The divisions of the department of human rights shall retain their individual administrators, but shall share staff to the greatest extent possible.

Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of inspections and appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

##### 1. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	2,074,767
.....	FTEs	37.25

##### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	680,533
.....	FTEs	23.00

##### 3. INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	1,526,415
.....	FTEs	47.00

##### 4. HEALTH FACILITIES DIVISION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	2,412,647
.....	FTEs	127.25

##### 5. EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	56,294
.....	FTEs	15.00

The employment appeal board shall be reimbursed by the labor services division of the department of workforce development for all costs associated with hearings conducted under chapter 91C, related to contractor registration. The board may expend, in addition to the amount appropriated under this subsection, additional amounts as are directly billable to the labor services division under this subsection and to retain the additional full-time equivalent positions as needed to conduct hearings required pursuant to chapter 91C.

6. CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD

For foster care review and the court appointed special advocate program, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	2,629,308
.....	FTEs	45.12

a. The department of human services, in coordination with the child advocacy board and the department of inspections and appeals, shall submit an application for funding available pursuant to Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act for claims for child advocacy board administrative review costs.

b. The court appointed special advocate program shall investigate and develop opportunities for expanding fund-raising for the program.

c. Administrative costs charged by the department of inspections and appeals for items funded under this subsection shall not exceed 4 percent of the amount appropriated in this subsection.

Sec. 13. RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION.

1. RACETRACK REGULATION

There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the racing and gaming commission of the department of inspections and appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for the regulation of pari-mutuel racetracks, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	2,671,410
.....	FTEs	27.53

2. EXCURSION BOAT REGULATION

There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the racing and gaming commission of the department of inspections and appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for administration and enforcement of the excursion boat gambling laws, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	3,199,440
.....	FTEs	43.22

Sec. 14. USE TAX APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the use tax receipts collected pursuant to sections 423.26 and 423.27 prior to their deposit in the road use tax fund pursuant to section 423.43 to the administrative hearings division of the department of inspections and appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	1,543,342
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Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL OFFICE

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	3,031,168
.....	FTEs	37.50

Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, the department shall use a portion for enterprise resource planning, providing for a salary model administrator, conducting performance audits, and for the department's LEAN process.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND

For deposit in the local government innovation fund established in the department of management:

..... \$ 300,000

Sec. 16. ROAD USE TAX APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the road use tax fund to the department of management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 56,000

Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 25,301,646  
..... FTEs 398.03

Of the funds appropriated pursuant to this section, \$400,000 shall be used to pay the direct costs of compliance related to the collection and distribution of local sales and services taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 423B and 423E.

The director of revenue shall prepare and issue a state appraisal manual and the revisions to the state appraisal manual as provided in section 421.17, subsection 17, without cost to a city or county.

The department of revenue shall submit a written report to the general assembly by January 1, 2008, concerning the department's progress in developing a system to track tax credits.

If the director of revenue determines that contracting for an upgrade of the department's computer assisted collections system would result in generating significantly increased net collection revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, in excess of \$3.3 million, the director is authorized to procure such upgrade from the current vendor.

Sec. 18. MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the motor fuel tax fund created by section 452A.77 to the department of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for administration and enforcement of the provisions of chapter 452A and the motor vehicle use tax program:

..... \$ 1,291,841

Sec. 19. SECRETARY OF STATE. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the office of the secretary of state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 1,431,015  
..... FTEs 17.00<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> See chapter 215, §76 herein

*\*The state department or state agency which provides data processing services to support voter registration file maintenance and storage shall provide those services without charge.\**

2. BUSINESS SERVICES

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	1,818,716
.....	FTEs	26.00

Sec. 20. SECRETARY OF STATE FILING FEES REFUND. Notwithstanding the obligation to collect fees pursuant to the provisions of section 490.122, subsection “a” and “s”, and section 504.113, subsection 1, paragraphs “a”, “c”, “d”, “j”, “k”, “l”, and “m”, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the secretary of state may refund these fees to the filer pursuant to rules established by the secretary of state. The decision of the secretary of state not to issue a refund under rules established by the secretary of state is final and not subject to review pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa administrative procedure Act, chapter 17A.

Sec. 21. TREASURER. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the office of treasurer of state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	962,520
.....	FTEs	28.80

The office of treasurer of state shall supply clerical and secretarial support for the executive council.

Sec. 22. ROAD USE TAX APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the road use tax fund to the office of treasurer of state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as necessary,<sup>4</sup> to be used for the purposes designated:

For enterprise resource management costs related to the distribution of road use tax funds:

.....	\$	93,148
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Sec. 23. IPERS — GENERAL OFFICE. There is appropriated from the Iowa public employees’ retirement system fund to the Iowa public employees’ retirement system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For salaries, support, maintenance, and other operational purposes to pay the costs of the Iowa public employees’ retirement system, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	17,063,076
.....	FTEs	95.13

Sec. 24. 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter 1177, section 8, subsection 6, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding sections 8.33 and 476.10 or any other provision to the contrary, any balance of the appropriation made in this subsection for the utilities division or any other operational appropriation made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, that remains unused, unencumbered, or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for purposes of the energy-efficient building project authorized under section 476.10B, or for relocation costs in succeeding fiscal years.

\* Item veto; see message at end of the Act

<sup>4</sup> According to enrolled Act; the phrase “as is necessary” probably intended

*\*Sec. 25. STATE EMPLOYEE TELECOMMUTING — POLICY DEVELOPMENT — IMPLEMENTATION.*

1. *The director of a department or state agency to which appropriations are made pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall assess the extent to which job classifications or individual employment positions with the department or agency might be effectively performed from an employee's residence or other remote location through telecommuting, thereby increasing office space within the department or agency and reducing administrative costs. The assessment shall include an estimate of the number of department or agency employees whose job responsibilities could be effectively performed on a telecommuting basis, projected costs of establishing and maintaining work stations at an employee's residence or other remote location and providing telecommuter support, anticipated savings to the department or agency through a reduction in the office-based workforce, and anticipated time and cost savings to telecommuting employees. A report summarizing the assessment shall be submitted to the director of the department of administrative services, and the members of the general assembly, by November 1, 2007.*

2. *Based on the assessment conducted pursuant to subsection 1, the director shall develop a telecommuter employment policy for the department or agency and a timeline for initial policy implementation and plans for expanding the number of telecommuting employees. Specific office-based workforce reduction percentages shall be left to the discretion of the director, but the director shall implement a policy by January 1, 2008. The director shall report to the director of the department of administrative services and the members of the general assembly on an annual basis beginning January 1, 2009, the number of telecommuting employees, cost savings achieved by the department or agency, and plans for continued transfer of office-based employees to telecommuter status.\**

Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provision of this Act amending 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter 1177, relating to the expenditure authority of the utilities board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, for purposes of a building project, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

*Approved May 29, 2007, with exceptions noted.*

CHESTER J. CULVER, Governor

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 874, an Act relating to and making appropriations to certain state departments, agencies, funds, and certain other entities and providing an effective date. House File 874 is approved on this date, with the exceptions noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 19, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 2. This paragraph exempts the Office of the Secretary of State from paying State departments and State agencies for data processing services. There have been occasions in the past where the State has assisted with the development of electronic voter registration file maintenance projects. These projects have been completed and, therefore, this language is no longer needed. If a State agency or department performs a service for the Secretary of State, it should be adequately compensated.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 25 in its entirety. This provision requires all the directors of a department or state agency in House File 874 to examine employee tele-

\* Item veto; see message at end of the Act

commuting options, develop a telecommuter employment policy and implement a plan designed to increase the number of telecommuting employees. Many departments maintain employee telecommuting policies currently. These policies and procedures have been in place for several years and are well established. The designated language in Section 25 directing a department or agency to conduct an assessment of its telecommuting policy is duplicative and unnecessary and introduces a legislatively mandated management process into what is appropriately an executive branch decision. I will direct the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Management to review the current state government telecommuting policy and make recommendations for any improvements as part of our overall executive branch strategic planning process.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove of the designated items in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 874 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,  
 CHESTER J. CULVER, *Governor*

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**CHAPTER 218**

APPROPRIATIONS — HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*H.F. 909*

**AN ACT** relating to and making appropriations for health and human services and including other related provisions and appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

DIVISION I  
 GENERAL FUND AND BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATIONS  
 ELDER AFFAIRS

Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of elder affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For aging programs for the department of elder affairs and area agencies on aging to provide citizens of Iowa who are 60 years of age and older with case management for the frail elderly only if the monthly cost per client for case management for the frail elderly services provided does not exceed an average of \$70, resident advocate committee coordination, employment, and other services which may include but are not limited to adult day services, respite care, chore services, telephone reassurance, information and assistance, and home repair services, and for the construction of entrance ramps which make residences accessible to the physically handicapped, and for salaries, support, administration, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	4,723,306
.....	FTEs	34.50